City of Barrie
Meeting Agenda
Affordability Committee

Wednesday, February 04, 2026
06:00 PM
Council Chambers

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PUBLIC MEETING(S)

2.1 2nd Public Meeting for a City-Initiated Official Plan Amendment to be Consistent with the Provincial Planning Statement (2024) (File: D30-001-2025)

The purpose of the Public Meeting is to review the Official Plan Amendment application to make the City's Official Plan consistent with the Provincial Planning Statement, 2024 (PPS 2024), which came into effect on October 20, 2024. The Official Plan is the policy document that directs the future use of land, development, infrastructure and community building within the City, and it is required to be consistent with provincial planning legislation. PPS 2024 replaces the Provincial Policy Statement, 2020 (PPS 2020) and A Place to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe (Growth Plan).

An initial public meeting was held on February 26, 2025 followed by Staff Report DEV009-25 on March 19, 2025. By direction 20-G-054, General Committee referred the report back to staff for additional consultation, with particular regard to the impact of the change to the uses permitted in the City's current Employment Area.

Revisions to the original draft Official Plan Amendment include a new Service Industrial designation, in addition to the previously proposed Business Commercial designation, and modifications to the text related to Employment. These changes require a second public meeting for this City initiated Official Plan Amendment.

The initial proposed Official Plan Amendment contemplated replacing the existing Employment Area – Non-Industrial designation with a new designation called Business Commercial. The draft Official Plan Amendment now proposes the introduction of two new designations for lands currently identified in the Employment Area that no longer meet the definition of Employment Area as amended by the PPS

2024 but continue to generate employment in the City. The proposed Amendments to the Official Plan include:

- Aligning the definition of Employment Area with the PPS 2024, meaning those areas are designated in an official plan for clusters of business and economic activities including manufacturing, research and development in connection with manufacturing, warehousing and goods movement, and associated retail and office uses, and ancillary facilities;
- Adding new land use designations, Business Commercial and Service Industrial, intended to recognize lands that no longer meet the definition of Employment Area, and includes institutional, industrial, offices and commercial uses in association with or contributing to a primary employment use; and,
- General wording revisions to all sections of the plan that reference the PPS 2020 and the Growth Plan.

Presentation by C. Kitsemetry, Supervisor of Growth Management of the Development Services Department

3. OPEN DELEGATIONS

Nil.

4. PRESENTATIONS BY STAFF/ OFFICERS/AGENTS OF THE CORPORATION

Nil.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

6. DEFERRED/REFERRED ITEMS

Nil.

7. REPORTS OF ADVISORY COMMITTEES

7.1 Report of the Heritage Barrie Committee dated November 25, 2025.

7.2 Report of the Heritage Barrie Committee dated January 27, 2026.

8. REPORTS TO COMMITTEE

Nil.

9. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Nil.

10. ADJOURNMENT

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